ii) there should be greater and closer co-operation between law. and order agencies and the bank management; (iii) banks should take precautionary measures like reduction of' cash holding, introduction of time lock devices, opening of vaults at pre-set times and restrictions on entry of the members of the public after banking hours (iv) the vulnerability of cash in transit should be reduced; (v) staff should be adequately motivated to ensure security, etc.

(c) In the year 1982, there was one incident of dacoity in Canara Bank, Maharani Bagh and two incidents of robbery in Punjab National Bank, Gitanjali and Indian Overseas Banks, Punjabi Bagh.

In 1983 there was one incident of dacoity in Punjab National Bank Sarvodaya Enclave and two incidents of Bank robberies in State Bank of India, . Hwasthya Vihar and State Bank of India, Khazori Khas.

During 1984 (up to 30th June, 1984) there have been three incidents of Bank dacoities in Central Bank of India, Connaught Place, State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur, New Rohtak Road and Union Bank of India, Sunder Nagar.

(d) Ministry of Finance" have forwarded the report of the Working Group to the managements of the Public Sector Banks and the Reserve Bank of India, for implementing the recommendations. The Report has also been sent to all the State Governments/Union Territory Admiriisitrations.

So far as Delhi is concerned, Police pickets equipped with 'arms and wireless sets and night patrolling has been intensified and the patrolling parties are insh-ucted to keep a special watch in the areas where bank branches are located. The Police Officers hold I jtrneetings with the bank managers to apprise them about the security measure* and devices.

Sri Lanka as an American Military base

1712. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sri Lanka has virtually become a military base for the United States of America;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the security of India has been threatened by the leasing out of the Trincomalee harbour by Sri Lanka to the US for American warships equipped with nuclear war heads.

(c) if the answer to parts (a) ancT (b) be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to lodge a protest with the Sri Lankan Government in this regard; and

(d) whether in this context Gov--ernment have taken adequate measures to strengthen security of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Government have no information to this' effect.

(b) Government are not aware, of -'Trincomalee harbour being leased by-Sri Lanka to the US for warships-equipped with nuclear war heads.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Role of B.S.F, and C.R.P.F. in controlling terrorist activities in Punjab

1713. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:
DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:
SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI;
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
DR. MAHABIR PRASAD;

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSF and CRPF came under criticism for their failure to curb terrorist activities in Punjab;.

(b) whether the combined forces of BSF, CRPF and local police were enough to control the violence escalated by the terrorists'; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for which BSF and CRPF came under criticism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME[1] AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) By the end of May, a situation had arrived where a larger and better equipped force was required to combat organised terorrism.

(c) Does not arise.

Reserach in Proton Decay in the Kolar Gold Field

1714. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE;
DR. MAHABIR PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken research in proton decay in the Kolar gold fields; and

(b) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes Sir. Proton Decay Experiment has been undertaken and is in operation at a depth of 8,000 ft. since November, 1980.

<b) The experiment being "conducted has yielded very interesting results and provided a few candidates for 'Proton Decay'.

Persons detained under N.S.A.

1715. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of persons who have been detained under the National. Security Act during tt last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Memorandum received demanding Presidential form of Government

1716. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Society of Intellectuals and Social Workers has in a memorandum submitted to the Prime Minister on or around June 2, ID'S*, demanded Presidential form of Government in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) It has not been possible to trace the Memorandum stated to have been submitted to the. Prime Minister on or around June 2, 1984.

Surrender and rounding up of Punjab extremists

1717. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH:
SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI;

' Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of extremists who have surrendered in Punjab since June 7, 1384 and the steps so far taken to- round up the extremists from different parts of the country in general and Punjab in particular; and

(b) what are the details thereof and the results achieved with regard to the seizure of arms and ammunitions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Information is being col-